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SUBJ: DETENTE RITUAL

IN WHAT WE PRESUME IS ONE SMALL PART OF WORLD-WIDE
RITUAL, SOVIET CHARGE NOVOKRESHCHENOV AND INTERPRETER
KOZI PAID SHORT CALL ON AMBASSADOR ON FEBRUARY 29
TO CALL OUR ATTENTION TO BREZHNEV'S SPEECH AT 25TH
PARTY CONGRESS. HIS POINT ("MR. BREZHNEV EXTOLLS
PROGRESS OF DETENTE BUT NOTES VOICES RAISED IN U.S. TO
HINDER IT"), OUR COUNTERPOINT ("THIS, AND THOSE VOICES ARE
STRENGTHENED BY SOVIET WEAPONS AND TRANSPORTATION OF CUBAN
TROOPS INTO ANGOLA"), AND HIS REBUTTAL ("WE SUPPORT THE
ELEGITIMATE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT - LET'S NOT DISCUSS IT")
ALL FOLLOWED PREDICTABLE COURSE. SCENE WAS MARRED ONLY WHEN
NOVOKRESHCHEVNOV BLEW LINES ON ANGOLA: "WE HAVE NEVER
HIDDEN OUR MATERIAL AND ... (TO INTERPRETER) WHAT'S
THAT OTHER KIND OF SUPPORT?" "MORAL" WAS KOZIN'S REPLY.
"... OUR MATERIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO THE LEGITIMATE
...ETC" NOVOKRESHCHENOV FINISHED.
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